

ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to an apparatus and associated method for moving livestock from a lower level to an upper level of a storage or transport container. The apparatus preferably includes a hinge attached to the upper level and a ramp assembly connected to the hinge. As such, the ramp assembly is configured for pivotal movement about the hinge from a raised position to a lowered position in closer proximity with the lower level. Preferably, the ramp assembly includes a cleaning chute that is exposed when the ramp assembly is moved to the raised position. The present invention may also be embodied in a livestock transport that includes a loading floor and a cargo floor elevated above the loading floor. In such an embodiment, the ramp assembly is preferably connected to the cargo floor and configured for pivotal movement about a hinge.